Progress of Work at Hydro Electric Project in Chamba

2813. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the long suspension and paralysation of construction work at Hydro electric Power Project at Chamera III at Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh since 11th June, 2006; and

(b) the cost and loss involved owing to continuing stoppage of work?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC), who are implementing the Chamera Stage-III Hydroelectric Project (231 MW) in Himachal Pradesh, have informed that the construction work at the project was held up from 11.6.2006 to 24.8.2006 due to confrontation between the contractor's workers and his representatives. At present, the work is in progress. As a result of stoppage of work, the construction schedule of the project has been adversely affected to some extent and in the process, property of NHPC worth about Rs. 22 lakhs has also got damaged.

Assessment of power requirement

†2814. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of power by the year 2010, 2015 and 2020 in the country and the steps taken to deal with the shortage of power;

(b) the steps taken to increase generation of power in Uttar Pradesh and whether Government have provided any economic assistance to the State Government in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for not increasing the capacity of power generation as per its requirement in Northern India, especially in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) The projections of electricity demand and commensurate capacity

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